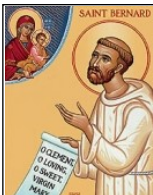


# KU-RING-GAI CHASE CATHOLIC PARISH

'Seek God, Find God, Embrace God in Jesus'

Diocese of Broken Bay ~ 5th July 2020 ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Zech 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

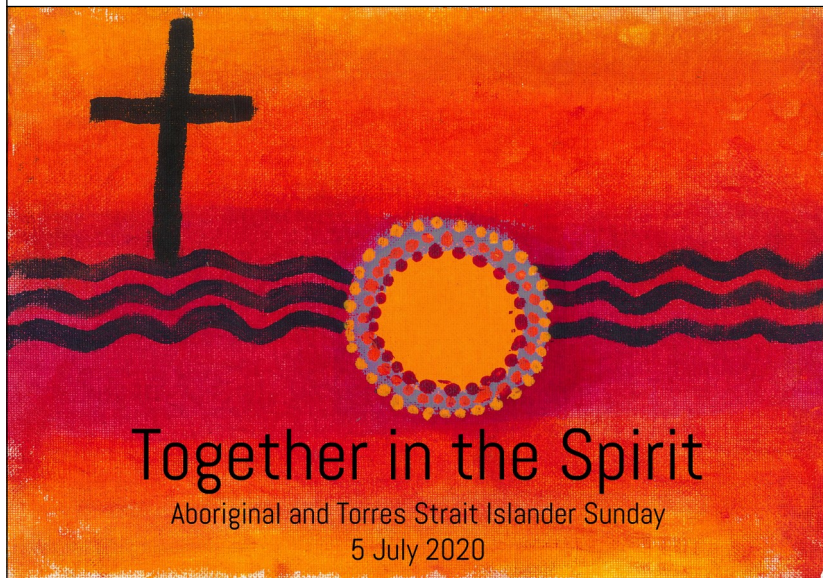
Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**Responsorial Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**Our Mission Statement:** 'Help others to recognise, through their experiences, that Jesus who died and is risen is the truth that lights up their lives'

**Our Vision Statement:** 'That the parishioners of Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish grow as missionary disciples and live as community in Christ inviting all people into our Parish, welcoming them to our Parish life and embracing the rich diversity of our community'



The Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish acknowledges the Darug and Guringai people, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this Country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

For thousands of years before the arrival of Western settlers [in Australia], the sole inhabitants of the land were indigenous peoples, the **ABORIGINES AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS**. Their ancient heritage forms an essential part of the cultural landscape of modern Australia. Thanks to the Australian Government's courageous decision to acknowledge the injustices committed against the indigenous peoples in the past, concrete steps are now being taken to achieve reconciliation based on mutual respect. Rightly, you are seeking to close the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians regarding life expectancy, educational achievement and economic opportunity! This example of reconciliation offers hope to peoples all over the world who long to see their rights affirmed and their contribution to society acknowledged and promoted. *Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day 2008*

Archbishop Pat O'Regan [Adelaide] will celebrate a nationally live streamed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass at 11.30am EST. The link will be available at [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

## Prayer for Reconciliation

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land,  
we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity,  
creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion.

Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the  
courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility.

In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other.

Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received.

Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small group of Aboriginal Elders and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014

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**Centre Hours: 9am - 3.30pm.**

Parish Priest Fr Shaju John, OSH

Assistant Priest Fr Joy Thomas, OSH

Parish Secretary Margaret Cooper

Bookkeeper Karen Price

Youth Ministry Co-ord. Michelle Chahine

School/Parish Liturgy L. Patricia Smith

Sacramental Team: [kccpsacraments@gmail.com](mailto:kccpsacraments@gmail.com)

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	5pm	St Bernard's
	6pm	St Patrick's
Sunday	8am	St Patrick's
	9am	St Bernard's
	10am	St Patrick's
	6pm	St Patrick's

### WEEKDAY MASSES

St Bernard's	8am	Mon, Tues and Thurs.
	9am	Wednesday and Friday
St Patrick's	8am	Wednesday and Friday
	9am	Mon, Tues, Thurs and Sat.

[NB: First Friday Healing Mass @ St Bernard's and Night Vigil @ St Patrick's, not yet restored to schedule]

### RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 9.30 am at St Patrick's  
Every Friday After 9am Mass at St Bernard's

### SEATING CAPACITY AT OUR CHURCHES

[applying the current 4m<sup>2</sup> requirement]

St Patrick's: 101 persons

at St Bernard's: 60 persons

**Physical Distancing** - people from the same household may sit together in the church. Couples and families can be seated together however, social distancing is to be maintained between family groups.

**Additional restrictions are at the discretion of the Parish Priest for the safety of all parishioners.**

**Emergency sick calls 0468 341 841 (Out of office hours only) - HOSPITAL ADMISSION:** If you are admitted to hospital, please write down your religion as Catholic to receive Catholic Services. *Be sure to notify the Pastoral Centre if hospitalised and you would like our own priests to attend.*

**Please ensure we all follow the Government Regulations on returning to Mass**

- \* If unwell - **DO NOT** come to mass and please, see your doctor;
- \* Follow **ALL** directions from the **USHERS**;
- \* Remain 1.5m away from others - please **DO NOT** embrace others;
- \* Sanitise your hands on arrival and departure;
- \* Stay in your allotted pew - communion will be brought to you;
- \* **Weekday** attendees **MUST** write your name and contact details in the book (with your own pen);
- \* When Mass is concluded please leave the church quickly to allow for cleaning—please disperse immediately and **DO NOT** congregate outside the church after mass;
- \* **Collections—please note well:** The plate will be **TAKEN** around at weekend Masses, and you are asked **NOT TO** touch the plate;
- \* If you prefer, you have the option of using our Tap N Go at the back (which we strongly recommend the use of for the health and safety of all) or perhaps you would prefer to do a direct deposit into our bank (see details below) or set up a regular Monthly Credit Card Deduction, Authority form available on request from the parish office.

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS and PRAYERS**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**Monday 06/07**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Hosea 2:16-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday 07/07**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday 08/07**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday 09/07**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday 10/07**

Mass *ad libitum*  
Hosea 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday 11/07**

**Memorial ~**

**St Benedict, abbot**

Mass of the Saint  
Preface of weekday or saint  
Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

Ku-ring-gai Chase Parish  
Remembers & prayers for...

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gabrielle Kirby, Denise Plumber, Noelene Smith, Fely Ocampo, Mary Anne Weir  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Dr Ken Gray, Eric Geoffrey Warren, Jim & Marie White, Vicente & Filomena Bañaga, Ruby & Reginald Warren, Herminia Bañaga, Elde & Andrea Daria, Gary Simpson, Geoff Hore, Harry Fox, Reba Mackett, Marie Wilson, Tony Dirckze, Fr Boberg, Felicidad Lizardo, Maree Hayden, Judy Huntley, C J John, Dave Longford, Donna & Peter O'Donohue, Ida O'Halloran, Peter O'Halloran, Kevin & Nancy Hester, Jim Treacy, Joseph Treacy, James Treacy

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Craig Sequeira, Wilma Brayshaw, Shirley Kelymack, Judy Farrell, Maureen Brophy, John Cosgrove (Snr), Marie Mickelson, Margaret Hinton, Dan Leavy, Alfredo R De Ramos, Marie Mickelson, Doug Hawkins, Felicity Fone, Graeme Kachel, Antonio, Anna Nicholson, Pat Bowden, Peter Brooks, Brian Treacy, Erick Enriquez, Charles Abela, Elaine Estrellado, Maureen Sharpe, Penny Rigor, Jwona Nowak, Irena Fellmann, Elaine Longmuir, Michael McGaulley, Estrellado, Cathy Gleeson, Rosalinda de Ramos, Jaz Pitts, Georgia Meyers, Angela Smith, Matthew Franklin, Jeanette Bakker, Ewa Rakozy, Jean Cook, Betty Borg, Morrie Ramsden, Brian Neary, Edwina Subramany, Aiko Concepcion, John Buckley, Ellen Asistente, Sam Calacoci, Barbara Jones, Arlene Joson, Kath Lock, Cadia Maestri, Marcelina De Ramos, Matthew Conlon, Patrick Dorahy, John Macy, Tom Dawson, Narelle Cartwright, Mary Fernandes, Patricia Sanders, Monique Leyden, Frederick Novak, Barbara & Maciej Maciejewski, Alfredo De Ramos Sr.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for June: The Way of the Heart.**



We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

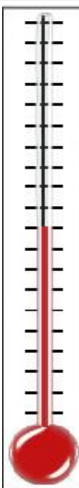
**St Bernard's Restoration Appeal:**

**We sincerely thank you for your help financial assistance to date allowing this much needed restoration.**

**From a final figure of \$40,000 so far, you have now contributed \$19,320!!**

*In this Golden Anniversary Year of this church we ask that you please consider making a contribution to balance the books on this restoration, thereby preserving and keeping St Bernard's looking its very best for many decades to come.*

**Thank you so very much.  
Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.**



Eureka!  
We did it!

Hey diddle diddle,  
we've somewhere in the middle

Loose change and a lot of restoration to undertake.

**KCCP BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

**BSB: 062 784  
Account: 1238 8001  
Name: Ku-ring-gai Chase Catholic Parish - Church Account**

*When making donations to our bank account please be specific if you wish to split your donations between the 1st and 2nd collections.*

**MASS BOOKINGS: The new system.**

When you attend Mass this weekend you will be asked if you wish to book the same Mass for all weekends in July. This will happen again in August when you may book for another month in advance and continue in this pattern. You may still book for individual Masses via the office. In this way it is hoped you will be guaranteed a seat at Mass. *Fr Shaju & Fr Joy.*

**CLEANING OUR CHURCHES:** As of next week our regular cleaning roster returns (see back page), however, we are in need of volunteers to remain at the end of weekend masses to disinfect the pews prior to the next Mass. *Please consider giving 5 minutes of your time to keep everyone safe. Thanks.*



Our **Youth Group** cannot (as yet) gather together but we can gather in praise of Our Lord at Holy Mass. Join us this Sunday night July 5, 2020 @ 6pm for our monthly Youth Mass, at St Patrick's Church Asquith.

**Hello there !! Parishioners of Berowra !!, we URGENTLY need someone to 'fly the flag' for St Bernard's at this well received annual Christmas ecumenical event.**



We need a person or persons from our Parish to join the Combined Churches of Berowra committee for the 2020 local event: **'Carols under the Star'.**

**A meeting of the planning committee is scheduled for this coming TUESDAY 7 July 2020 at St Mark's Anglican Church at 7.30pm.**

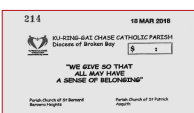
**So we need to hear from you NOW !**

*Our representative's role is not an arduous one, it simply involves:*

- \* **Attending a monthly meeting;**
- \* **Organising a Colouring Competition.**

Please contact the office on 9456 2450 if you can help out by representing the Catholic Faith community of Berowra at this very well received local annual event.

**AVAILABLE NOW:**



**July 2020 – June 2021 Planned Giving Envelopes**

**at the back of our Churches**  
*[For details to make the switch to credit card giving, please call the office on 9456 2450].*

**The 250 Club!**

**Week 12: 29/6/2020  
Winning number: 218  
Amount: \$25**



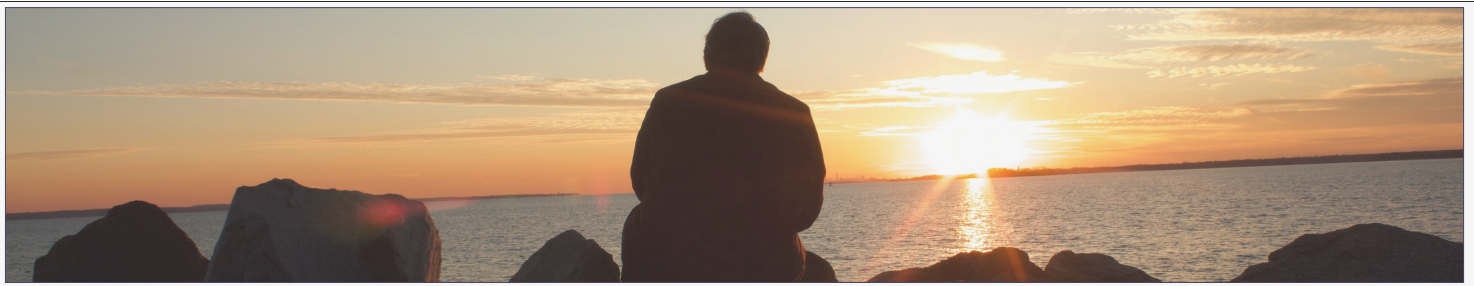
**Marion Pahalawatta**

The June edition of **The Broken Bay News**

is not being printed, this year, however, it is available electronically at:



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## NOT AN OUTSIDER BUT AN INSIDER © FR MICHAEL TATE

If an average person were invited to go on a journey of discovery to find the Holy Spirit of God, where would he or she go? Where is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit?

Most in the world, if they wanted to think about it at all, might say: 'You have to voyage to the farthest reaches of the cosmos and there, just over the very edge of the universe, that's where the Holy Spirit is to be found.'

There are others who might say: 'Well, there are special sacred sites inhabited by the Holy Spirit, places where you feel the special presence of God. Perhaps it could be a spectacular wilderness, or out on the ocean wave, or in a hilltop town in Italy where St Francis of Assisi lived, or the place where one first met one's beloved.'

These responses are getting closer to the truth. There are places where there seems to be an overflow or effervescence of creativity and joy. Perhaps the last example gets quite close: the place where one first met one's beloved.

But, for we who are Christians, there is an amazing answer to the question. What does St Paul tell those early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised?

'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way.

This is a very Jewish idea. In the Genesis story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes a live earthling, an Adam. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human because the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

This revelation that divinity dwells in the heart of humanity was also a theme of the great Spanish mystic, St John of the Cross, who wrote in this vein in the late 1570s.

He was in a prison cell in Toledo, thrown into solitary confinement for seven months by his fellow Carmelite Friars. Despite his terrible ordeal, confinement in a cold and dismal cell cut off from the warmth of the sun or of the companionship of the other friars, he wrote some of the most beautiful poetry in the Spanish language.

He spoke of the yearning of the soul for Christ, using the ancient Jewish tradition of the Song of Songs speaking of the soul as the bride and Christ as the beloved bridegroom. Here is his own commentary on stanza one of the Spiritual Canticle.

'Oh, then, soul, most beautiful among all creatures, so anxious to know the dwelling place of your Beloved so you may go in search of him and be united with him, now we are telling you that you yourself are his dwelling and his secret inner room and hiding place. There is a reason for you to be elated and joyful in seeing that all our good and hope is so close as to be within you, or better, that you cannot be without him. Behold, exclaims the Bridegroom, *the kingdom of God is within you*. (Lk 17:21) And his servant, the apostle St Paul, declares: "*You are the temple of God.*" (2 Cor 6:16)'

This is what we Christians are privileged to know and believe in contrast to other religions. For example the Buddhists practise compassion towards all creatures. But they do not believe in a Creator who could be so compassionate towards a human being as to dwell, to make a home, in the depths of that creature's heart as part of a rhythm of mutual love.

In the very depths of your personality, at the very heart of what makes you human, the Holy Spirit has made a home. The Holy Spirit is not an outsider but an insider, a deep-down insider.

This is a great reality of our faith, but we have to become more conscious of it, making it a practical part of our belief. If we did so, then when we are struggling under the burdens of life, would we not feel somewhat less anxious, somewhat more at ease, more refreshed and rested deep down in our souls, as Christ promised for those who come to him?

So, let us pray: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle *in* them the fire of your love.

[Quotation from The Collected Works of St John of the Cross, ICS Publications Washington DC, 1991.]



**SVdP Asquith Conference and Asquith Youth Conference**, would like to extend a very warm thank you to all who supported the Winter Appeal this year under difficult circumstances. The drive-thru initiative proved to be a success, with a full truck load of clothing and blankets collected, and the Hornsby Vinnies Pantry is filled to the brim. Your monetary donations via envelopes and donations on the day will definitely be put to Good Works in our own Community.



**Position Vacant - Facilities & WHS Officer, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay** - The Chancery of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay is recruiting for the role of **Facilities & WHS Officer**. This is a full time, one year fixed term role based at Pennant Hills. The Facilities & WHS Officer provides facilities management and expertise in maintaining Diocesan assets as well as assisting with the coordination and management of Chancery and Parish WHS responsibilities. For the full advertisement see the **Positions Vacant** page of the Diocesan website: <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

## Plenary Council 2020 - Official New Dates for the Plenary Council Assemblies

The two assemblies for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia will be held in Adelaide from 3-10 October 2021, and in Sydney from 4-9 July 2022.

The full media release is at [https://mcusercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864d088/files/546b4bd4-6c0d-4bf5-818c-a2bef105584d/DATES\\_LOCKED\\_IN\\_FOR\\_PLENARY\\_COUNCIL\\_ASSEMBLIES.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/466af249e088db70ab864d088/files/546b4bd4-6c0d-4bf5-818c-a2bef105584d/DATES_LOCKED_IN_FOR_PLENARY_COUNCIL_ASSEMBLIES.pdf)

For more information on the latest Plenary Council news, subscribe at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenary-post/>



# ROSTERS & READINGS FOR WEEKEND 11th / 12th July – 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND FOR YOUR ROSTERED DATE PLEASE ARRANGE A SUBSTITUTE; Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23

	St Bernard's Church		St Patrick's Church			
	5.00pm	9.00am	6.00pm	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Acolyte / Snr Server	Paul Dryden	Alex Jarominek	Sandra Sparkes	Sue Lum	John Messina	Darrin Patterson
Usher / s	Jan Favaloro	Peta Tonkin	Chris Smith / Sue Lum	Francis / Tess Lizardo	Milen / Grace Kurishungal	Volunteer / Volunteer
Reader (1)	Mark Dunkley	Peter Collins	Celia Cox	Rosemary Pendlebury	Mary Stokes	Fiona Fone
Reader (2)	John Ryan	Barbara McMullen	Sue Lum	Michael Halliday	Elizabeth Fernandes	Kerrie O'Neill
Altar Servers	Not returned just yet	Not returned just yet	Not returned just yet	Not returned just yet	Not returned just yet	Not returned just yet
Children's Liturgy	Not returned just yet but available via Friday Mailout		Not returned just yet but available via Friday Mailout			
Communion to Sick	Not returned just yet		Not returned just yet			
Sacristy Care/Church Cleaning/Flowers	Marcia Woods, Anne Bourke, Gwen Wood (s), Helen Johnson, Cecilia Waite (f)		Pat Smith, Ellen Downey, Marion Pahalawatta, Francis Lizardo, Tess Lizardo, Leticia Wee			
Maintenance	Teams A & B		July: David Hartmann, Matthew Tancred, Gerry Duffy			
Counters	Not returned just yet		Not returned just yet			

**Working in a child-related ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:** Paid and volunteer workers who have direct face to face contact with children (under 18 years) are required by law to obtain a Working with Children Check number. Please note though, exemptions may apply in some cases. The Parish is the employer of the paid or volunteer worker and therefore is required by law to verify the Working with Children Check number. All paid or volunteer workers engaged in a child-related role must have a clear Working with Children Check to work in a child-related ministry. This disclosure references the legislation, *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012*.

## HOMILY © Richard Leonard SJ

Before I said my first Mass an old priest gave me two great pieces of advice.

‘You know when the congregation is filled with optimists. After a long series of announcements at the end of Mass and then you say, “and finally...” people take out their car keys!’

The second was, ‘Never underestimate the burdens people bring with them into the church. Often we have little idea of the difficulties and pain our parishioners will be carrying.’

**I have no idea what you have brought with you to Mass today. I can only imagine the anxiety and burden some of you are carrying. Whatever it is, Jesus invites you to let go of it, if only for a while, and be at peace.**

Now all this ‘come and rest a while’ talk can be very pious and not sound all that in touch with reality.

Today's Gospel, however, came from the community of the Apostle Matthew and was written in Jerusalem about 45 years after Jesus' death. We know that this community experienced intense suffering and heavy burdens.

They had been expelled from the Synagogue and were being martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ.

No wonder they held so strongly to the words, **‘Come to me all you who are weary and heavy burdened and I will give you rest.’** And they found consolation in Jesus' example, **‘take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart.’**

Since the first century, however, Christianity has been guilty of trying to spiritually wallpaper over some tough realities rather than preaching that God is our companion in facing up to whatever our reality is and dealing with it.

Our faith is not about praying away our problems or fears and wishing it were otherwise. Our faith means we have experienced the love of God in Jesus Christ so that we never carry our burdens alone. God is our companion and guide and this parish Community, as with every Christian community, is called to be the sort of place where we carry each other's burdens and rest with each other awhile.

What we celebrate here each Sunday is that God will have the last word, a just, joyous, loving and peaceful word, in this world and when we enter our final rest.

Jesus didn't come to us as a divine magician, waving a wand over our problems to wipe away all our tears. Rather, he accompanies us so he can show us that the gift of peace and a release from our life's burdens is often found in having the perspective for exercising the gift of right judgment. Making the best possible choices leads to the alleviation of our pain and difficulties.

This type of spiritual sanity reminds me of the story of the nun who was teaching the communion class, and drew an analogy about how food is essential to life. She asked the class,

**‘What's small and furry and eats nuts?’**

To which there was bemused silence.

So Sister tried again.

**‘What's small and furry and eats nuts?’**

There was now stony silence.

Sister then picked out Billy and asked him for the answer.

After several awkward moments, Billy tentatively replied,

**‘Sister, I know the answer is supposed to be Jesus, because the answer to all your questions is always Jesus but, I have to tell you, it sounds like a bloody squirrel to me.’**

Sometimes the answer is not simply ‘Jesus’. As we all know, for some of our difficulties, there is no spiritual quick fix. There is no cheap grace. The answer is not simply Jesus.

In confronting issues, however, it is necessary for spiritual and mental health to take time out, to be as gentle with ourselves as possible, to know that the burden of life is shared so that we can make the decisions that will ease the situation.

I don't underestimate the burdens some of you have walked into this church with today. Whatever burden you may have brought with you, may you know a moment's rest, the companionship of fellow travellers and the gift of Christ's peace.

